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Applicant: Naroun Soun (et al.)
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HOURGLASS-SHAPED INTERFACES
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Examiner: Vy Q. Bui
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **June 30, 2004**.

The Examiner requires that either Claims 1-29, drawn to a braided modular stent, or Claims 30-39, drawn to a method for fabricating a braided stent, be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-29.

The Examiner further requires that either Species I (Fig. 2a), Species II (Fig. 3) or Species III (Fig. 4) be elected for prosecution. Therefore, Applicants also elect to prosecute Species I (Fig. 2a).

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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